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Date of Interview: 14 September 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Those of record.

Identification of prior art discussed: None.

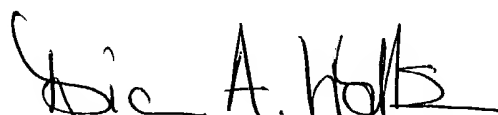
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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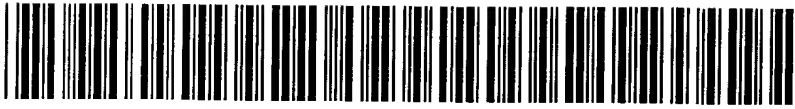
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed amending independent claim 1 to include language to further distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art of record. Namely, such amendment would include adding "creating a pressure-free phase" and "following the pulse the pressure falls from a maximum value to null within a time span of less than 100 ms". It was agreed that this recitation would patentably distinguish the claims over the applied prior art and, subject to an updating of the search of record, could place the Application in condition for allowance.



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